

THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC RECREATION COMMISSION

April 17, 2007

The regular meeting of the Public Recreation Commission was held on April 17, 2007 at 4:00pm at the Recreation Commission Office with the following members present: Mmes. Driehaus and Brewer and Messrs. Fultz, Moeddel, and Smith, with Ms. Driehaus presiding. Staff in attendance: Mmes. Barnes, Shannon, Simmons, Kazin, McNeil, Lang, Gutjahr, and Cox and Messrs. Thomas, Bigham, Koopman, Williams, LeConey, and Carlisle.

“THE LAKERS” – THERAPEUTIC RECREATION (TR) STATE OLYMPIC BASKETBALL CHAMPS

Alayne Kazin introduced “The Lakers” to Commissioners. The Lakers won the State TR Olympic Basketball tournament. They worked very hard and had a wonderful season. Whitney McNeil is the coordinator of the team. The team has been working together since the first week in October 2006. They won the championship the third week in March (2007) in Columbus. Ms. Driehaus congratulated the team and their families and told them how proud the Commission is of their hard work.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Ms. Driehaus turned the meeting over to Mr. Thomas for the election of officers.

Mr. Thomas opened the floor to accept nominations for President of the Cincinnati Recreation Commission. Mr. Fultz moved, seconded by Rev. Smith, to nominate Denise M. Driehaus for the office of President for a term of one year and until the election and qualification of her successor.

Rev. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Fultz, to close the nominations for President of the Cincinnati Recreation Commission.

Motion passed.

There being no further nominations, Ms. Driehaus was elected President of the Cincinnati Recreation Commission by acclamation.

Mr. Thomas opened the floor to accept nominations for Vice President of the Cincinnati Recreation Commission. Mr. Fultz moved, seconded by Ms. Driehaus, to nominate Rev. KZ Smith for the office of Vice President.

Ms. Driehaus moved, seconded by Mr. Fultz, to close the nominations for Vice President of the Cincinnati Recreation Commission.

Motion passed.

There being no further nominations, Rev. Smith was elected Vice President of the Cincinnati Recreation Commission by acclamation.

Ms. Driehaus assumed the chair.

MINUTES

Mr. Fultz moved, seconded by Rev. Smith, to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2007 meeting as submitted.

Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter Received from Marilyn Kaupp of the Oakley Seniors

Mr. Thomas received a letter from Marilyn Kaupp of the Oakley Seniors commending Sally Reusch. Ms. Kaupp was full of praise for all Ms. Reusch has done for her and the other seniors at Oakley. This item was received for filing.

Article in *The Price Hill News* Regarding Stella Barnes

There was an article in *The Price Hill News* regarding the promotion of Stella Barnes to Supervising Regional Coordinator of the Central Region. The article detailed Ms. Barnes career with the Cincinnati Recreation Commission and her duties and goals as a Supervising Regional Coordinator. This item was received for filing.

Senior News Newsletter

Commission received a copy of the *Senior News* Newsletter. Past and upcoming senior events were highlighted in the Newsletter. This item was received for filing.

Email from Marketia Hoff

Mike Thomas received an email from Ms. Hoff relaying a telephone message she received from Reed Rossell from Mt. Airy Soccer. Mr. Rossell wanted to convey his

thanks for the wonderful job Harry Wood is doing. Mr. Rossell stated that Mr. Wood goes above and beyond to make sure the fields are ready and in great shape. This item was received for filing.

Email from Abigail Imm, Deputy Clerk of Council

Brandi Sanders received an email from Ms. Imm thanking her for her hard work and courtesy in preparing the room for the Law & Public Safety Committee meeting. This item was received for filing.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Information and Briefing Items

Carolyn Gutjahr was present to review the Condition Assessments of Five Public Artworks with the Commission. The Condition Assessments were requested by the Commission to identify and address the current physical conditions, inherent vice, necessary repairs, and future maintenance requirements of the sculptures along the riverfront which are the Gateway, Whistle Grove, Cincinnatus, Law and Society, and Westward.

A spreadsheet including the activity, the conservator and specialized contractor cost, and other conservation and maintenance activities identified (cost to be determined), was included for each artwork.

Ms. Gutjahr advised that we have some very valuable pieces of artwork and that there are some donor groups willing to help CRC address the specific needs of the sculptures and maintain the value of the collection by keeping it in good condition. Rick Griewe has agreed to work with us on this project.

City Manager, Milton Dohoney, Jr., was in attendance. Ms. Driehaus introduced the Commission members to Mr. Dohoney. Mr. Dohoney thanked the Recreation Department for the service we provide. He advised that he is very impressed with the recreation facilities he has visited.

Ms. Driehaus informed Mr. Dohoney that we will be bringing our Aquatic Plan before him in the near future.

Youth Commission Member Report

Youth Commission Member, Tinisha Brewer, presented the Youth Commission Member Report.

Ms. Brewer reported that on April 11th, 19 teens meet with Children's Hospital Medical Center staff at the Lincoln Center to learn about Anger Management and Conflict Resolution. The teens were given different situations and asked to rate the situation on a scale of 1 – 10 with 10 being the highest of angers.

On April 17th, a 12 week partnership on Fitness/Health with CCHMC and 3 teen programs (Corryville, Mt. Auburn, and Millvale) will end with the teens having dinner together at Golden Corral. Nineteen teens completed the program.

A "Dancing Under The Stars" Prom partnership with the Senior Division is being developed. This will be held in November. There will be round table sessions between the teens and the seniors prior to the event.

This item was received for filing.

NEW BUSINESS

Field Trips

Mr. Fultz moved, seconded by Rev. Smith, to approve the field trips for various CRC centers and programs as submitted.

Motion passed.

Golf Advisory Council

Rob Williams, Golf Division Supervisor, was present to review the proposed Golf Advisory Council with Commission. The Golf Advisory Council membership was increased to 13 members to enable better management of term staggering.

The Golf Advisory Council withdrew one of their recent candidates for membership. Candidate Barbara Levine will be unable to serve at this time due to new job commitments. This seat will remain vacant for now.

Mr. Fultz moved, seconded by Rev. Smith, to approve the Golf Advisory Council as submitted.

Motion passed.

Golf Advisory Council Bylaws Revision

Mr. Williams presented the GAC Bylaws Revisions and reviewed with Commission. The revision of the Bylaws took a little over a year to complete.

Mr. Moeddel asked if there was a meeting attendance requirement for the GAC members. Mr. Williams stated that there is and that he would check into the requirement for Commission. It was discussed that Article VI - Terms of Membership, needs to be revised.

It was decided that we table this item at this time and bring it forward next month with the above requests completed.

Reappointment of Jason Cohen to CRC Foundation

Mr. Moeddel moved, seconded by Mr. Fultz, to approve the reappointment of Jason Cohen to the CRC Foundation retroactive to October 21, 2006.

Motion passed.

Agreement with Cincy Latino, LLC for Event Production and Management Services to Produce a Procter and Gamble Concert on July 14 & 15, 2007

Mr. Fultz moved, seconded by Mr. Moeddel, to approve the agreement with Cincy Latino, LLC for Event Production and Management Services to produce a Procter and Gamble Concert on July 14 & 15, 2007 to be held at the Central Riverfront.

Motion passed.

Agreement with Cincy Latino, LLC for Event Production and Management Services to Produce the All American Birthday Party on July 1, 2007

Mr. Fultz moved, seconded by Rev. Smith, to approve the agreement with Cincy Latino, LLC for Event Production and Management Services to produce the All American Birthday Party on July 1, 2007 to be held at the Central Riverfront.

Motion passed.

Amendment to the BB Riverboat Agreement

Mr. Fultz moved, seconded by Mr. Moeddel, to approve the amendment to the BB Riverboat Agreement to allow the Cincinnati Police Department to dock their emergency vessel at the Transient Boat Harbor at no charge.

Motion passed.

Payable Agreement for Jason Barney at Schmidt Boat Ramp

The Athletics Division is renewing the payable agreement for Jason Barney at Schmidt Boat Ramp. In addition to the boat ramp and concession duties, staff requests the contractor to also perform daily maintenance at the Schmidt Complex including picking up trash, maintaining ballfields, and other general maintenance functions. The contract amount is not to exceed \$24,000.

Mr. Fultz moved, seconded by Rev. Smith, to approve the payable agreement for Jason Barney at Schmidt Boat Ramp.

Motion passed.

Request from Cincy Blues Society for Rule Exceptions

The Cincy Blues Society has asked Commission to consider the following three requests for rule exception:

1. To hold a raffle during the event for the purpose of raising additional funds to offset their expenses
2. To raise admission fee for the event to \$10 for Friday and \$15.00 for Saturday with an optional discounted pass of \$20 if fans purchase both days in advance
3. Permission for musical acts to perform until midnight on both nights

Ms. Driehaus expressed concern about setting a precedence by allowing the music to continue until midnight. There was discussion as to why we have an 11:00pm cut off for the music. Mr. Thomas advised that in the past we have had complaints about the noise. Ms. Driehaus questioned safety issues pertaining to continuing until midnight. Staff advised that we have never had an issue with this.

Rev. Smith stated that we may want to consider changing our policy. Mr. Moeddel would like to know how the noise issue affects the residents. Ms. Shannon advised that she would like to have a person from each resident complex on the Waterfront Advisory.

After much discussion it was decided to grant the request to continue the music until midnight with the understanding that we may need to change our policy next year.

Mr. Moeddel moved, seconded by Rev. Smith, to approve the Cincy Blues Society's request for the above 3 rule exemptions.

Motion passed.

Aquatic Plan

Jeff Koopman presented the proposed Aquatic Plan, Phase One, to Commission and reviewed it.

In 2007 pool opening and closings will be staggered to allow the longest possible season at our pools.

Brandstetter Carroll conducted a condition assessment of the condition of our facilities. The assessment found that most pools in operation have lasted past their useful life and a plan needs to be developed to address future capital needs.

The Aquatic Plan proposes to leave some pools the way they are (for swim lessons, etc.) and convert others to spray grounds. Spray grounds would give flexibility.

Rev. Smith questioned if the spray grounds would use more water than our pools. Mr. Koopman explained that they would probably use less because the water on a sprayground is re-circulated.

Mr. Moeddel questioned the maintenance expenses of a spraygrounds. Mr. Koopman advised that the maintenance on spraygrounds should actually be less.

Ms. Driehaus questioned if conversations had taken place with the communities where the proposed pool closings and sprayground installations would take place and Mr. Koopman responded that they had.

Mr. Fultz moved, seconded by Rev. Smith, to approve the proposed Aquatic Plan, Phase One.

Motion passed.

This plan will now be taken before the Education, Health, and Recreation Committee Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Baseball Advisory Council

The Baseball Advisory Council was brought before the Commission at the March 20, 2007 meeting along with the other Municipal Advisory Councils and tabled due to questions regarding the membership of the Council.

Ms. Driehaus questioned the membership diversity of the Baseball Advisory Council. Kathy Lang was present and explained to Commission that every year an evaluation of the program is sent out and people are invited to join the Council. The

membership of the Council consists of those who respond and desire to be a part of the Council. Ms. Lang advised that they have a very good group and that they do a good job.

Mr. Moeddel moved, seconded by Mr. Fultz, to approve the Baseball Advisory Council as submitted at the March 20, 2007 meeting.

Motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made that an Executive Session of the Recreation Commission be held to review applications received in response to our Nation-wide search for the Director of Recreation position. Roll call: Mr. Fultz, yes; Ms. Driehaus, yes; Rev. Smith, yes; Mr. Moeddel, yes.

The Commission came out of Executive Session and the General Session resumed.

Personnel Issue – Director of Recreation Position

Mr. Moeddel moved, seconded by Rev. Smith, that the following six (6) candidates be scheduled for interviews for the Director of Recreation position:

Daniel Betts, Denver, CO

Norman C. Merrifield, El Paso, TX

Dirk Richwine, Henderson, NV

Nathaniel Wilkins, North Miami, FL

Steve LeConey, Cincinnati, OH

Michael A. Thomas, Cincinnati, OH

Motion passed.

Mr. Greg Ford of the Par Group, Public Management Consultants, will schedule the interviews.

COMMISSION MEETING

The next meeting of the Public Recreation Commission will be held on Tuesday, May 15, 2007 at 4:00pm at the Westwood Town Hall Center – 3017 Harrison Avenue, Cincinnati, OH (11).

Meeting Adjourned.

Denise M. Driehaus

Michael A. Thomas

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